



California MCMWTC Bridgeport

Facility and Location

Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center (MCMWTC) Bridgeport is located 22 miles northwest of Bridgeport. MCMWTC Bridgeport is one of the Marine Corps' most remote and isolated posts. It was established in 1951 as a Cold Weather Battalion with a mission of providing cold weather training for replacement personnel bound for Korea. After the Korean conflict, the name was changed to the Marine Corps Cold Weather Training Center. Because of its expanded role, in 1963 it was renamed the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center.

MCMWTC Bridgeport operated on a full time basis until 1967 when it was placed in a caretaker status, because of the Vietnam War. The training center was reactivated to a full time command on May 19, 1976. It occupies 46,000 acres of Toiyabe National Forest under management of the U.S. Forest Service. An interagency agreement between the U.S. Forest Service and the Marine Corps permits the use of the area to train Marines and other forces in mountain and cold weather operations. The center is sited at 6,762 feet, with elevations in the training areas ranging to just under 12,000 feet.

Media Sampled and Findings

Drinking Water — In 2007, two of two samples detected perchlorate at 0.08 and 0.69 ppb. Prior to 2007, four of ten samples detected perchlorate from 0.06 to 0.59 ppb in samples taken from three wells at Coleville Housing and two wells at the base camp.

Appropriate Action

Not Applicable. All samples were below the California Maximum Contaminant Level for drinking water of 6 ppb.